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In re Application of
Denis Francois Hochstrasser et al
Application No. ~~10/695,195~~ 10/695,194
Filed: October 28, 2003
Attorney Docket No. A36054-PCT-USA-A
072874.0

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed June 8, 2007, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.8(b), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action of September 11, 2006, which set a (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. One-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before January 11, 2007.

Petitioner states a response was submitted via EFS on January 11, 2007, which included the amendment. Petitioner has submitted a copy of the amendment, which would have rendered the reply timely if received.

The petition satisfies the above requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(b). Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Office action of September 11, 2006 is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

The copy of the reply received with the petition will be accepted in place of the reply shown to have been EFS on January 11, 2007.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210. This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1600 for further processing.

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